Harlech attracts numerous tourists visiting the well-preserved remains of the castle, who marvel at the distant views of Snowdonia it affords. The medieval routes that led into the town from the north are now quiet byways, for as well as disrupting the layout of medieval Harlech the improved roads carry the town's vehicular traffic. The building façades fronting High Street are largely eighteenth or nineteenth century in date, though some earlier structures are to be found in the quieter northern part of the town, as well as the town’s mill. In 2001 the population of Harlech ward stood at 1931 inhabitants, though the ward covers a much greater area than the town itself.

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